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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Hiroyuki ABURATANI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1634

Application No.: 10/684,422

Examiner: J. MARTINELL

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For: HUMAN HOUSEKEEPING GENES AND HUMAN TISSUE SPECIFIC GENES

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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